GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Minorities Welfare Department – Overseas Education Scheme for Minority Students for pursuing Higher Studies abroad from the year 2016-17 – Orders – Issued.

MINORITIES WELFARE (EDM) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.33 Dated:29.09.2016

Read the following:

1. Review Meeting by Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Andhra Pradesh on 06.04.2016.
2. From the Commissioner, Minorities Welfare, Hyderabad, Lr.No.878/CMW/ OESM/2016,dated.12.04.2016.

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ORDER:

The Government of Andhra Pradesh is committed for the holistic development and welfare of the Minorities in the State and accordingly the Government have made substantial budgetary allocations for providing scholarships to the students belonging to the Minorities on a saturation basis and this initiative has over the years encouraged a large number of Minority students to complete Professional and Post-Graduate Courses.

2. In the last decade, as the global economy has significantly grown and became networked, opportunities for gainful employment have manifested manifold both in India and abroad for youth who have had the benefit of higher and specialized education in renowned national and international educational institutions. The Post-Matric Scholarship scheme of the Government of Andhra Pradesh and the Government of India has facilitated the Minority students being able to study in the reputed national institutions of higher learning. However, bright and deserving Minority students are often handicapped in gaining access to reputed international educational institutions only on account of their economical backwardness.

3. Taking due cognizance of the above extant situation and for bridging this gap and providing equal access to the Minority students, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has decided to introduce a new scheme of "OVERSEAS EDUCATION SCHEME FOR MINORITIES" for the benefit of the students belonging to the Minorities.

4. The financial assistance under this scheme will be sanctioned to (500) Minority Students/Graduates per year to pursue two (2) years Post Graduate/ Doctoral studies abroad subject to the following guidelines:

a) Income: Minority Students whose family income is less than Rs.6.00 lakhs per annum from all sources are eligible. The total income from all sources of the employed candidates or his/her parents/ guardians, shall not exceed Rs.6.00 lakhs per annum. In case of employees, the salary certificate duly issued by the Drawing & Disbursing Officer of their concerned Department along with latest tax assessment from the employer is a must. In all cases the income certificate obtained through MEE SEVA should be compulsorily enclosed with the application.

b) Age: The maximum age under the scheme shall not exceed 35 years as on 1st July of the year of advertisement.

c) Eligibility:

i. For Post Graduate Courses : Foundation Degree in Engineering/ Management/ Pure Sciences/ Agriculture Sciences/ Medicine and Nursing/ Social Sciences/ Humanities.

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ii. For Ph.D. Courses: P.G. course in Engineering/ Management/ Pure Sciences/ Agriculture Sciences/ Medicine/ Social Sciences/ Humanities.

(1) No minimum percentage of marks in qualifying examinations and however, **"rolling cut off "** in respect of minimum percentage of marks in qualified course/examination for selection of students is to be implemented.

(2) Minority students are to be selected, as per the order of merit (percentage of marks in qualifying examination), till the target of (500) students i.e., (250) seats in Fall Season and the remaining (250) seats in Spring Season, per year, is achieved.

(3) The students, who are residing in the State of Andhra Pradesh, though the students studied in Telangana (i.e., Local to Telangana by virtue of 371-D), are also eligible under the scheme, since the amendments and guidelines issued in G.O.Ms.No.132, 133, GA (SPF&MC) Department, dt.13.06.2016 are not meant for seeking scholarships for the higher studies at abroad, in terms of clarification issued in Govt.Memo.No.137362/ SW.Edn.2/2016-2, Social Welfare (Edn.2) Department, dt.05-08-2016.

Eligible P.G. courses includes P.G. diploma courses of One Year, and One and Half year duration. Example: Student Partnership Programme (SPP) in Canada is for 1 year duration while MS in Kinesiology in USA is of 1 ½ year duration leading to Masters Degree issued by the Universities.

The scheme also includes study of MBBS course & CPA (Certified Public Accountant) and CPM (Certified Portfolio Manager) courses in the US.

iii. Countries eligible under the Scheme: USA, UK, Australia, Canada, Singapore, Germany, Newzealand, Sweden, Netherlands, France, Denmark, Russia, Philippines, Kazakhstan and China (Philippines, Kazakhstan and China only for medicine).

d) One Child per family & One time Award: Not more than one child of the same parents/ guardians will be eligible and to this effect a self-certification will be required from the Parent/ Guardian and the candidate on Rs.10/- Non-Judicial Stamp Paper.

An awardee shall be considered only once for sanction under the scheme & second or subsequent award will not be considered.

e) Mandatory Requirements for sanction:

i. He/ She should have a valid TOFEL/ IELTS & GRE/GMAT;

ii. He/ She should have obtained admission in an accredited Foreign University;

iii. He/ She should possess a valid passport;

iv. The candidates are required to make their own efforts in seeking admission in accredited University/Institution abroad;

v. The selected candidate has to join the concerned university within one year of communication of selection. On expiry of this specified period of time, the award will be automatically cancelled and come to an end. No request for extension of time for availing the award is permissible under the scheme;

vi. The candidate can change the course of study or research only in deserving cases on valid grounds. Permission will be accorded on a case by case basis subject to approval by the State Level Screening committee constituted under the Scheme.

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vii. The candidate shall be responsible to obtain the appropriate visa for the country wherein one intends to study. The visa issuing authorities are requested to grant only such type of visa which only permits the candidate to pursue the specified course abroad and thereafter return to India.

viii. The applications should be complete in all respects and should be accompanied by all relevant documents. The applications, incomplete in any respect, are liable to be rejected.

5. Procedure for Selection:

i. Notification shall be published in leading dailies calling for applications & wide publicity will be given in University Campuses and the concerned website;

ii. All students desirous of applying for financial assistance for studies abroad shall apply online as per the schedule notified.

iii. (33) % of the awards shall be earmarked for Women candidates (if adequate number of eligible women candidates are not available then male candidates may be selected);

6. Screening Committee: The Selection shall be conducted by a State Level Screening committee constituted with the following members. The Bio-data of the candidates who applied online shall be made available to the committee:

1. Principal Secretary to Government, Minorities Welfare Department	Chairman
2. Secretary, Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education.,	Member
3. Vice Chancellor, JNTU, Kakinada	Member
4. Commissioner, Technical Education	Member
5. Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Andhra Pradesh State Minorities Finance Corporation Ltd., Hyderabad	Member
6. Managing Director, Andhra Pradesh State Christian (Minorities) Finance Corporation Ltd., Hyderabad	Member
7. Commissioner, Minorities Welfare	Member - Convener

7. The student shall submit the following documents:

i. Caste Certificate from Mee Seva (not required for OC Minority Students)

ii. Income Certificate from Mee Seva;

iii. Date of Birth Certificate (SSC Certificate/ Marks Memo)

iv. Aadhaar Card;

v. E-pass ID Number (For students already availing Post Matric Scholarships)

vi. Residential/ Nativity Certificate;

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vii. Passport copy duly attested by the Gazetted Officer

viii. Mark sheet from SSC/ Inter/ Graduate/ PG Level

ix. GRE/ GMAT or equivalent qualifying exam/ test score card;

x. TOFEL/ IELTS score card;

xi. Admission offer letter from Foreign University (I-20, letter of Admission or equivalent);

xii. Copy of the latest Tax Assessment and salary certificate from employer is to be enclosed;

xiii. Copy of the Bank Pass Book of Nationalized Bank to be scanned and uploaded.

xiv. Photo to be scanned and uploaded;

xv. Self Declaration on Rs.10/- Non-Judicial Stamp Paper to be scanned and uploaded;

8. Scholarship amount:

a) Sanction proceedings mentioning that Rs.10.00 lakhs is sanctioned to the individual towards fees and living expenses by way of a grant subject to his/ her joining the course, shall be issued to the candidates selected by the Screening Committee. The sanction proceedings can be made use of by the candidates for obtaining a visa from the respective Embassy.

b) Fees: Fees shall be payable in two installments as follows:

Installment-I: An amount of Rs.5.00 lakhs shall be payable to the student on production of the landing permit/ I-94 Card (Immigration Card);

Installment-II: an amount of Rs.5.00 lakhs shall be payable to the Student on production of the 1st Semester results.

c) Education Loan: The student shall be eligible for an Educational loan of Rs.5.00 lakhs from any Nationalized Bank at prevailing rates of interest. The APSMFC shall Co-Ordinate with the Nationalized Banks in securing the Education Loans to the selected Candidates.

d) Earning from Research/ Teaching Assistance-ship: The awardees are permitted to supplement their prescribed allowances by undertaking Research/ Teaching Assistantship;

e) Passage Grant: One way by economy class (lowest fare) ticket through the shortest route shall be payable upon production of valid visa and admission particulars.

f) Visa Fees: The total visa fees shall be reimbursed to the student upon production of valid visa and production of receipts.

9. Utilization Certificate: Utilization Certificate shall be obtained from the student with due endorsement of concerned University Authorities for record purpose under the scheme.

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10. The expenditure under this scheme shall be debited to the following Head of Account.

"MH.2225-Welfare of SCs, STs and OBCs
80 – General
800.Other expenditure
GH.11.State Development Plan
SH(40).Overseas Education Scheme for Minorities
310. Grants-in-Aid
312. Other Grants-in-Aid (to be opened)"

11. The Commissioner, Minorities Welfare, Hyderabad shall take action accordingly and roll-out the scheme duly developing an end to end IT solutions for implementation and monitoring of the Scheme.

12. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance (FMU-Welfare-I) Department vide their U.O.No.39027/26/2016-FMU-Welfare.I, dt.23.08.2016.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S.S.RAWAT
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
The Commissioner, Minorities Welfare, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Principal Secretary to Government, Minorities Welfare Department.
The Secretary, A.P. State council of Higher Education.
The Vice Chancellor, JNTU, Kakinada.
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The Deputy Director (PMU), O/o. CSW, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The P.S. to Minister (Minorities Welfare).
The P.S. to Principal Secretary, Finance (Expr.SW) Department.
The P.S to Principal Secretary (Social Welfare).
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